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MAN SENTENCED IN DRUG CASE

MOBILE, Ala. - Silvio Teodoro Sosa, 43, of Port St. Lucie, Florida, was sentenced today in federal court for his role in transporting two kilograms of cocaine from Texas to New York. Sosa entered a guilty plea to possession with intent to distribute cocaine in September of 2008. He was arrested on the charge on July 17, 2008, when Loxley Police Officer Aaron Glass made the stop on Interstate 10. The drugs were found in a secret compartment concealed behind the driver's seat of a 1993 Toyota Tacoma pick up truck. Sosa admitted to the police that he was instructed to drive the cocaine from Texas to New York in exchange for \$5,000.

Sosa begged United States District Court Judge William Steele to be merciful in pronouncing the sentence, and admitted that his decision to commit the crime affected his family severely. He tearfully thanked the police officers who stopped him because he admitted that another family would have likely been hurt if he had delivered the drugs and they were distributed on the street. Judge Steele acknowledged Sosa's emotional remarks, but found that the low end of the advisory guideline range, 37 months, was the appropriate sentence under the circumstances of the case. Judge Steele also ordered that Sosa would be supervised for five years by the United States Probation Office when he is released from prison. Sosa was also ordered to pay \$100 in special assessments as part of the sentence.

The case was investigated by the Loxley Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under the Department of Homeland Security. It was prosecuted by Gloria Bedwell in the United States Attorney's Office.